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WORLD CUP

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The Iranian team before one of its World Cup qualifying matches at the giant 100,000 spectator capacity Aryamehr Stadium in Tehran earlier this year. Standing, from left to right: Parviz Ghelichkhani, the Iranian captain, goalkeeper Mansur Rashidi, Javad Ghorab, Jafar Kashani, Gholam Vafafkhah, Mehdi Lavasani; front row crouching: Akbar Kargarjam, Mehdi Ashtiani, Ali Parvin, Asghar Sharafi, Mehdi Monajati.

AUST. CAN INCH CLOSER TO WORLD CUP DREAM

— By MIKE RENWICK —

WM 74 — it's this German symbol, signifying next year's world championship (Weltmeisterschaft) that brings together on Saturday Australia and Iran at Sydney Sportsground.

And once again, for the second time this year, soccer gets long overdue recognition from the Australian Government with the presence of Frank Stewart, Minister for Tourism and Recreation.

Let's start this brief preview with what's usually left to the very end: Australia MUST win.

This second last hurdle in our path to the final 16 in West Germany must be cleared confidently and convincingly.

Australia can do it. In fact, our team may be able to win by two goals — and that should be enough for next week's return match at Teheran.

Even a single goal victory would be welcome, giving Australia the task of forcing a draw a week later.

MIDFIELD TRIO

A great deal will depend on the performance of the Australian midfield trio, probably Richards, Warren and Mackay.

These three, possibly our most outstanding schemers, can make or break the team.

Our strikers, usually the most enigmatic section of our team, will simply have to show aggression and zest to hammer down the predictably tight and well organised Iranian defence.

The Australian defence looks strong and reliable; here the only possible danger is over-confidence.

Iran is certain to adopt a defensive stance, opting for quick counter-attacks to steal a sudden goal.

Iran, where international success in sport is motivated by various governmental means, must not be underestimated.

At last year's Munich Olympics their polished team improved with every match: after losing to Hungary and to Denmark 0-5 and 0-4, they beat the Brazilian amateurs 1-0 — and the Brazilian team included Dirceu, whose goal beat West Germany recently in Berlin . . .

Admittedly the Iranians may lack punch in front of the goal but their individual skill and tactical maturity is beyond doubt.

JIM MACKAY

They may try to slow down the game to a walk, to break the rhythm of the Australians and to reduce the match to a midfield duel.

Australia's task is rather simple: to chalk up a win in the first leg of this tie. And for that we must get goals.

Fortunately, the composition of our team has an offensive character: all three midfielders can burst through and score.

There is no special need to emphasise the importance of this match: all our players are conscious of it.

Australia's two previous World Cup bids failed, the first by a wide margin and the second by a whisker.

This third bid must succeed and Saturday's match can go a long way towards that aim.

SATURDAY'S SQUADS

Players from both squads have been allocated the following permanent numbers for the series:

AUSTRALIA

1	J. FRASER	12	M. TOLSON
2	D. UTJESENOVIC	13	B. VOJTEK
3	P. WILSON	14	H. WILLIAMS
4	J. WATKISS	15	J. McDONALD
5	C. CURRAN	16.	J. ROONEY
6	R. RICHARDS	17	E. CAMPBELL
7	J. WARREN	18.	J. ALAGICH
8	R. BAARTZ	19.	P. OLLERTON
9	J. MACKAY	20.	B. BULJEVIC
10	A. ALSTON	21	G. HARRIS
11	A. ABONYI	22	J. MILISAVLJEVIC

IRAN

1	M. RASHIDI	12	R. ADELKHANI
2	H. KAZERANI	13	B. ZOLFGHARNASSAB
3	E. ASHTIANI	14	S. IRANPAK
4	J. KASHANI	15	G. MAZLOMI
5	A. KARGARJAM	16	K. HAGHVERDIAN
6	P. GHELICHKHANI	17	M. SADEGHI
7	M. LAVASANI	18	G. TABIBI
8	A. PARVIN	19	H. MORADI
9	M. MONAJATI	20	E. HAJRAHIMIPUR
10	J. GHORAB	21	B. MAVEDAT
11	A. SHARAFI	22	N. HEJAZI

Coach: RALE RASIC **Coaches:** DANNY McLENNAN, MAHMOUD BAYATI
Referee: RUDOLF SCHEURER (Switzerland)
Linesmen: LESLIE COFFMAN (NZ), GOVINDSAMY SUPPIAH (Singapore)

111th official game coming up for Aust.

The World Cup match against Iran is Australia's 111th full international.

By full internationals we mean matches which are recognised by FIFA, the world body of soccer, as such after they received a percentage of the gate takings (usually two per cent).

This is Australia's full record of "A" internationals:

BULGARIA
1973 2-2
1973 1-3
1973 0-2

CAMBODIA
1965 0-0

CANADA
1924 3-2
1924 0-1
1924 4-1
1924 0-0
1924 1-4
1924 1-0

ENGLAND
1937 (Amateurs) 5-4
1937 (Amateurs) 0-4
1937 (Amateurs) 4-3

GREECE
1969 1-0
1969 2-2
1969 0-2
1970 3-1

HONG KONG
1965 0-1

INDIA
1938 5-3
1938 4-4
1938 1-4
1938 5-4
1938 3-1
1956 2-4
1956 1-7

INDONESIA
1967 2-0
1967 3-1
1972 4-1
1973 2-1
1973 6-0

IRAQ
1973 3-1
1973 0-0

ISRAEL
1969 0-1
1969 1-1
1970 1-0
1971 2-2
1971 1-0
1971 1-3

JAPAN
1956 2-0
1968 2-2
1968 3-1
1968 1-3
1969 3-1
1969 1-1

MALAYSIA
1965 1-0
1965 3-0
1967 1-0
1967 4-0

MEXICO
1970 0-3

NATIONALIST CHINA
1965 3-1

NEW ZEALAND
1922 1-3
1922 1-1
1922 1-3
1923 2-3
1923 1-4
1923 2-1
1933 4-2
1933 6-4
1933 4-2
1936 7-1
1936 10-0
1936 4-1
1948 6-0
1948 7-0
1948 4-0
1948 8-1
1954 1-2
1954 4-1
1954 4-1
1958 3-2
1958 2-2
1967 5-3
1972 3-1
1973 1-1
1973 3-3

NORTH KOREA
1965 1-6
1965 1-3

PHILIPPINES
1972 6-0

RHODESIA
1950 5-0
1950 4-1
1969 1-1
1969 0-0
1969 3-1

SCOTLAND
1967 0-1
1967 1-2
1967 0-2

SINGAPORE
1967 5-1
1967 6-1

SOUTH AFRICA
1947 1-2
1947 2-4
1947 3-3

1947 5-1
1947 1-2
1950 2-3
1950 1-2
1950 2-1
1950 2-0
1955 0-3
1955 0-2
1955 0-8
1955 0-6
1955 1-4

SOUTH KOREA
1967 3-2
1969 2-1
1969 1-1
1972 1-1
1972 2-0

SOUTH VIETNAM
1967 1-0
1972 1-0

RECORD
- **Played:** 110
- **Won:** 56
- **Drew:** 19
- **Lost:** 35
- **Goals for:** 258
- **Goals against:** 190

Australia's record in the World Cup

Australia's full record in the World Cup is:

1965: lost 1-6 to North Korea, in Phnom-Penh.
1965: lost 1-3 to North Korea, in Phnom-Penh.
1969: beat Japan 3-1, in Seoul.
1969: beat South Korea 2-1, in Seoul.
1969: drew with South Korea 1-1, in Seoul.
1969: drew with Japan 1-1, in Seoul.
1969: drew 1-1 with Rhodesia, in Lourenco-Marques.
1969: drew 0-0 with Rhodesia, in Lourenco-Marques.
1969: beat Rhodesia 3-1, in Lourenco-Marques.
1969: lost 0-1 to Israel, in Tel Aviv.
1969: drew 1-1 with Israel, in Sydney.
1973: drew 1-1 with New Zealand, in Auckland.
1973: beat Iraq 3-1, in Sydney.
1973: beat Indonesia 2-1, in Sydney.
1973: drew 3-3 with New Zealand, in Sydney.
1973: drew 0-0 with Iraq, in Melbourne.
1973: beat Indonesia 6-0, in Sydney.

- **Played:** 17.
- **Won:** 6.
- **Drew:** 8.
- **Lost:** 3.
- **Goals for:** 29.
- **Goals against:** 23.

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SOCCEROOS ARE ALL TRUE-BLUE

— By LOU GAUTIER —

We have always taken the pragmatic view that any player representing Australia is an Australian.

By law, indeed, all Britishers are entitled to full citizenship after 11 months residence in Australia and now the period for naturalisation for non-British migrants has been reduced to three years.

However, it's interesting to dissect the current Australian World Cup squad.

Of the 22 players, 10 were actually born here (Jim Fraser, Harry Williams, Col Curran, George Harris, Ray Baartz, John Warren, Joe Alagich, Max Tolson, Jimmy Milisavljevic and Ernie Campbell).

A further three have been here since childhood: John Watkiss, Attila Abonyi and Billy Vojtek, who have learned their soccer in Australia.

Of the remaining nine, three come from Scotland (Jim Rooney, Jim Mackay and John McDonald), four from England (Peter Wilson, Peter Ollerton, Adrian Alston and Ray Richards, who was only 19 when he migrated to Queensland in 1963) and two from Yugoslavia (Doug Utjesenovic and Branko Buljevic).

Of the 22 players in the squad, all but two (Buljevic and Milisavljevic, from Victoria) are from NSW.

Utjesenovic, Mackay, Abonyi, Rooney, Ollerton and Vojtek all started their careers, however, in Victoria.

Richards hails originally from Queensland and Curran and Baartz are Newcastle-born.

Rasic's record

Rale Rasic is the fourth coach of the national team since the formation of the Australian Soccer Federation.

The first was Tiko Jelisavcic (1965) who won three, drew one and lost three matches with the team under his care.

Then came Joe Vengios, in 1967, who was in charge for the three games against Scotland, which produced three narrow losses.

ADRIAN ALSTON

From 1967 to 1969 Joe Vlasits was in charge and during his reign Australia had 22 matches for 12 wins, seven draws and three defeats.

Rale Rasic took over in October 1970 and has chalked up 12 victories, five draws and five defeats (against Mexico, Israel, the English FA, and Bulgaria, twice) in his 22 full internationals.

TOP SWISS REF. WILL OFFICIATE

In Swiss Rudolf Scheurer, one of the best European referees will be in charge of the Sydney leg of the Australia v. Iran tie.

Scheurer, 48, a school inspector, has had 17 full FIFA internationals so far.

He was at the 1970 World Cup finals in Mexico and was "hand-picked" to referee the controversial Moenchengladbach v. Inter 1971 European Cup replay, after the riotous first match (won 7-1 by the West Germans) was annulled.

Scheurer speaks fluent French and English as well as his native German.

His two linesmen at the Sportsground are Leslie Coffman, from New Zealand, who was one of the referees in the recent qualifying group matches in Seoul, and Govindasamy Suppiah, from Singapore.

Suppiah refereed Australia's second 1965 World Cup match against North Korea in Cambodia and was one of the referees in Sydney in March in the World Cup subgroup.

For next week's return match in Tehran, FIFA has appointed a young, up-and-coming Soviet referee, Pavel Kasakov, who will be assisted by two Russian linesmen.

"Shock ! It's the first time he's scored in ten years !"

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PLENTY OF TALENT IN THIS IRANIAN XI.

The 22 players in Iran's World Cup squad all come from the capital, Tehran — and what's more they belong to four clubs only.

Taj, the army club supplies seven players, Persepolis and Pas six each and Oghab, the air force outfit, has three players, including the Iranian captain.

NASSER HEJAZI in recent months has established himself as the Number One Iranian goalkeeper, some even say the best-ever produced by Iran.

Another Iranian certain to catch the eye is the team captain, **PARVIZ GHELICHKHANI,** whose 59 international selections stand as a record.

The tough-looking moustasched stopper is one of the cornerstones of the team.

The other stopper, **JAFAR KASHANI,** is the perfect foil for his skipper. Both loom as thorny problems for the Australian attack.

The left fullback is likely to be **AKBAR KARGARJAM;** the right back is sure to be the tough, intelligent **EBRAHIM ASHTIANI.**

Iran's star midfielder-cum-striker and "jack of all trades", is **ALI PARVIN,** who possesses real world-class.

Australian coach Rale Rasic believes Iranian officials are only "foxing" when they say that Parvin is "out of form". He is convinced that not only will Parvin play at the Sportsground, but that he will be the man to watch.

REZA ADELKHANI

In the more traditional midfield mould are **JAVAD GHORAB** and **KARO HAGHVERDIAN,** both great workers and grafters who run all day.

Three players have been picked for the first time in an Iranian representative squad.

They are **HASSAN MORADI,** a midfielder, and two very exciting strikers, **REZA ADELKHANI** and **ESMAIL HAJRAHIMIPUR,** the baby of the squad at 20.

Adelkhani, 22, is being tipped as the future kingpin of Iranian soccer. He had a two-year spell in West Germany with the famous Bayern Munchen and has played so impressively since his return to Tehran that the Iranian selectors may present him with his first selection on Saturday.

The new coach if Iran is Scotsman **DANNY McLELLAN,** who is not unknown to Australians as he coached the Rhodesian team against us in the 1969 World Cup when we needed three matches to eliminate them in Lourenco Marques, Mozambique.

Major **MAHMOUD BAYATI** is the manager — and selector — of the side. In his playing days he was one of the idols of Iranian soccer.

John Warren going up for a high ball in Tehran in 1970. The other Australian player in the photograph is Mike Denton. Venue for the matches then was the 28,000 spectator-capacity Amadjieh Stadium. Next week's return World Cup game will be played at the new Aryamehr Stadium, which holds 100,000 people.

CURTAIN-RAISER

The Sportsground Tasman Cup semifinal heralds the return to top honors of two neighboring schools from the famous soccer district of Canterbury — Belmore and Canterbury.

The 1973 Cup final, Newcastle Tech. v. Canterbury or Belmore, will be played on Wednesday night, August 22, at Austral Park Newcastle, where an 8,000 attendance is forecast.

Belmore High School: (Red with blue cuffs) 1. John Hawthorne (capt.), 2. Peter Flannery, 3. Steve Brooks, 4. Bruce McComas, 5. Steve King, 6. Tony Moylan, 7. Stephen Parkinson, 8. Greg Markwick, 9. Greg Brown, 10. Eric Calderwood, 11. Wayne Wardman.

Reserves: Dario Libro, Ian Sheen, John Brown.

Canterbury Boys High School: (Gold with red trim) 1. Gary Edmonds, 2. Neil Smith, 3. Norm Langan, 4. Peter Butcher, 5. Robert Jones (capt.), 6. Gary Brown, 7. Ian Shomberg, 8. Les Holland, 9. Wayne Belton, 10. Mark Wilson, 11. Chris Coudrea.

Reserves: Craig Black, Robert Wanna.

Iran at a glance

- **Area:** 636,293 square miles.
- **Population:** 31,000,000 (Iranian, Kurdish, Azerbaijani).
- **Ruler:** Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi.
- **Principal cities:** Tehran, 5,000,000 (capital); Aabriz (500,000); Isfahan (420,000); Meshed (380,000).
- **Monetary unit:** Rial.
- **Languages:** Iranian (Persian), Kurdish, Azerbaijani.
- **Religions:** Moslem (Shiah) 90%, Moslem (Sunni) 5%, Christian, Jewish, Nestorian, Parsi.
- **Government:** Iran is a constitutional monarchy, and the Shah has the usual powers of the head of a parliamentary state. Executive power is exercised by a Cabinet headed by the Prime Minister, who is appointed by the Shah and is responsible to Parliament, the lower house of which (Majlis) has 136 popularly elected members and the upper house of which (Senate) has sixty members, half of whom are appointed by the Shah.
- **Economic conditions:** Iran is predominantly agricultural. Large estates are numerous, and irrigation is common, especially on the central plateau. The principal crops are wheat and barley. Other crops include rice, grapes, dates, apricots, tobacco, tea, cotton, sugar beets, and corn. There are extensive grazing lands.
- **Natural features:** Iran is, in general, a plateau averaging 4,000 feet elevation. In addition, there are maritime lowlands along the Persian Gulf and the Caspian Sea. The Elburz Mountains in the north rise to 18,603 feet at Mt. Demavend. From northwest to southeast, the country is crossed by a desert 800 miles long.
- **Resources:** Considerable mineral wealth exists, but only oil is exploited commercially. Iran is the world's second supplier of oil. It's responsible stance has earned for Iran the tag of "Policeman and Colossus of the Oil Lanes."

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Iran's talented stoppers Parviz Ghelichkhani and Jaafar Kashani in action against North Korea in Tehran last May. Iran beat North Korea 2-1 and drew 0-0 in the recent World Cup subgroup.

AUSSIES HAVE PLAYED IN TEHERAN BEFORE

Australian and Iranian soccer teams have met before — but not in a full international, according to Iranian officials.

In 1970 the Socceroos played three games in Tehran during their successful 15-match overseas tour.

To this very day no one in Australia is quite sure though who our opponents were in Iran...

Originally Australia was supposed to play three full internationals against Iran, but when the Aussies arrived in Tehran they were informed their opponents were all club sides.

Australian tour leaders, however, demanded that at least one full international be restored.

The second match in Iran entered the Aussie record books as "Australia v. Iran", with Australia winning 2-1.

The Iranians, however, won't have a bar of it.

Their version is that Australia played Persepolis, a leading club side, not the national team.

Their record books certainly don't show our countries ever having met in a full international before.

Australia's other two games in Iran resulted in a scoreless draw with Oghab, the Airforce club, and a 3-3 draw with Pas.

Mike Denton (2), Richards, Alston and John Doyle scored the Aussie goals in Tehran and Parvin scored for Persepolis from a penalty.

IRAN HAS MORE EXPERIENCE THAN SOCCEROOS

— By LOU GAUTIER —

Iran has it all over Australia when it comes to international experience, though they've played 89 full international matches compared to Australia's 110.

The Iranians are veterans of international competition, with Olympic and "Little World Cup" appearances to their credit.

1972 was a very busy international year for Iran — and the country's best-ever soccer-wise.

Iran won the Asian championship in Bangkok, beating South Korea 2-1, after extra-time in the final, to qualify as Asia's representative in the "Little World Cup" staged in Brazil to celebrate that country's 100 years of independence from Portugal.

Iran were in the same qualifying group as Portugal, the Republic of Ireland, Chile and Ecuador.

Though they failed to win a match in Brazil, the team performed more than creditably and truly put their country on the soccer map.

Brazilian trip

The 0-3 defeat by Portugal, who went on to reach the final against Brazil, was Iran's biggest.

The Irish and Chile, one of South America's strongest teams, beat them by the odd goal only, the score each time being 1-2. And against Ecuador Iran forced a 1-1 draw.

The three-week stay in Brazil served as an ideal warm-up for Iran's Olympic Games campaign.

Iran qualified for the finals of the Olympic soccer tournament by knocking out the feared North Koreans in neutral Pakistan late in 1971.

In Munich, Iran came up against strong European competition and were soundly beaten in their first two games.

Against Hungary, the eventual finalists, the score was 0-5 and against Denmark, one of the world's strongest amateur teams, 0-4.

Iran ended its Olympic commitment on a very bright note, however, by beating the highly-rated young Brazilian team 1-0.

Best-ever result

Iranians consider this as their best international result of all time, though their opponents were not in the same class as the full Brazilian national side.

With few exceptions, the players who participated in Iran's "Little World Cup" and Olympic campaigns last year are also members of the 1973 World Cup squad.

The strange conditions in Sydney are not likely to unduly worry players who have played many times in unfamiliar surrounds.

The Iranian Federation has left no stone unturned to ensure a berth in next year's World Cup finals for its national soccer team.

Money has been spent freely to prepare the team over a two-year period, with West Germany in mind.

The Olympics were only an "appetiser", so to speak. What the Iranians are really after is a spot in the last sixteen of the world's greatest competition.

They took a big stride towards achieving their goal by winning their qualifying sub-group in Tehran three months ago, eliminating Syria, North Korea and Kuwait.

There are some, however, who claim their form was not impressive and that they would not have succeeded if they hadn't played at home.

NZ warm-up

The Iranian party left home on August 4 and took in two matches in New Zealand last week before arriving in Sydney on Monday to prepare for Saturday's match.

The Australians, in sharp contrast, played it "safe", choosing not to expose themselves to injury or a face-losing defeat before the World Cup tie.

Australia hasn't played a single international match since beating Indonesia 6-0 in the last match of the World Cup qualifying sub-group tournament in Sydney on March 24!

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Baartz sets record with 42 full "caps"

Ray Baartz shares the record as Australia's most-capped international with Manfred Schaefer, who had to miss the tie against Iran because of a cartilage operation two months ago.

On Saturday Baartz actually becomes the player who has represented his country the most times in any football code — 42.

Former Rugby Union hooker Peter Johnson has also played 42 times for Australia.

Top Rugby League international is Graeme Langlands with 29 appearances.

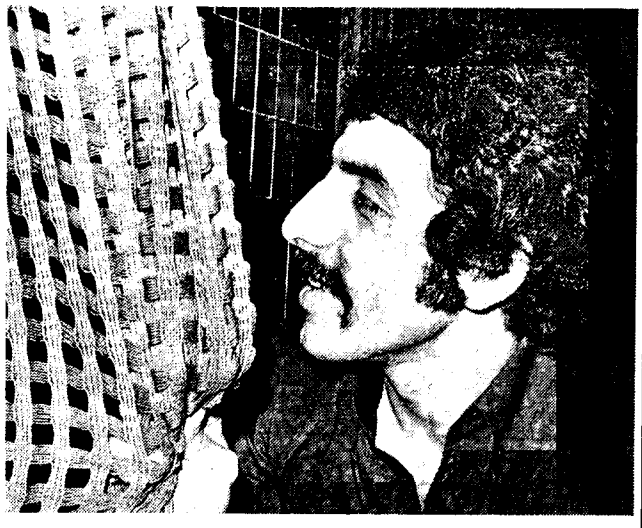
Baartz' first full international was in June 1967 — against the touring Scots in Sydney.

Eighteen members of Australia's 22-man World Cup squad have played in full internationals before.

Only appearances in FIFA-registered matches have been taken into account, not Australia's many matches against foreign club sides or non-FIFA affiliated associations such as New Caledonia or Macao.

The current national squad members' number of international "A" appearances reads:

Ray Baartz	41
John Warren	39
Attila Abonyi	32
Billy Vojtek	30
Adrian Alston	25
Peter Wilson	22
Ray Richards	20
John Watkiss	20
Jim Mackay	19
Branko Buljevic	14
Max Tolson	14
Jim Rooney	12
Doug Utjesenovic	11
Ernie Campbell	7
George Harris	7
Col Curran	4
Jim Fraser	3
John McDonald	1



Iran's youngest squad member, 20-year-old Esmail Hajrahimipur.

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DISASTROUS CUP DEBUT

Australia's first venture in the World Cup ended in disaster before a crowd of 60,000 at Phnom Penh's modern Stade Olympique on November 21, 1965.

However, it was inexperience more than anything else that caused our 1-6 defeat by North Korea.

Our players were paralysed by nervousness the moment they stepped onto the field where the atmosphere was electric.

The importance of the occasion and the searing 30 degree heat also took its toll because it was evident from the kick-off that the well drilled North Koreans were a vastly superior outfit.

The Australians were far too busy defending desperately from the kick-off to concentrate on any arduous system.

To keep the ball from their net was their only objective and sheer guts restricted the North Koreans to only one goal at halftime.

HAVOC

The Koreans went into attack straight after halftime and after 65 minutes were leading 4-0.

They played havoc with our defence and their quicksilver forwards led a merry dance round the Australian defenders.

To make things worse, goalie John Roberts lost his nerve and let in three shots from way out.

Australia's "consolation" goal came in the 70th minute when Malaysian referee Patrick Nice awarded them a penalty for a foul on John Watkiss — which Les Scheinflug duly converted.

John Watkiss, of course, is the sole survivor of the 1965 Cup team also included in the current Australian team.

John Warren, a member of the 1965 squad, did not play in either game against North Korea.

The Australian team was: Roberts, Shepherd, Ackerley, Hughes, Rice, Scheinflug, Sleight, Anderson, Blue, Watkiss, Todd.

IRAN'S DRAWS IN N.Z.

Iran played two warm-up matches in New Zealand last week.

At Christchurch the Iranians drew 1-1 with a Canterbury XI, Mazlomi being their scorer after Frank Madrussan (ex-APIA and Prague) had put the locals ahead with a penalty.

Against New Zealand in Auckland last Sunday Iran again played a draw — a scoreless one this time.

PETER WILSON

AUSSIE SKIPPER IS BORN LEADER

Peter Wilson will be captaining Australia for the 19th consecutive time in a full international (against another country) on Saturday.

Voted player of the 1970 and 1972 overseas tours, it's odds-on he will again be amongst the outstanding players against Iran because he just doesn't know how to turn in an indifferent performance as leader of the Socceroos.

Wilson has, since his days as a Middlesborough junior in England, been the epitome of cool self-possession.

The obverse of this is that he does not always appear to give his best when the occasion is a lesser one.

Nevertheless, he captained South Coast United to victory in the 1969 championship and played a big role in Marconi's win in last year's interstate championship series.

A flamboyant figure on and off the field, tall, with a mane of long blonde hair, Wilson has seldom, if ever, performed poorly for Australia.

The accent may be English, but the heart that beats under the green and gold shirt is as Australian as they come.

Peter Wilson introduced the sweeper's game to the national side.

When coach Rale Rasic took over in 1970 he picked on Wilson, then only the deputy of stopper Allan Marnoch, to take over that delicate role in the Australian defence.

He has now "swept" his way to stardom.

His popularity in Asia is tremendous.

Fans flock around him and gape in awe at his imposing figure on the field.

In Tehran, in 1970, they even climbed aboard the bus to kiss him!

The Australian skipper, who moved back to Safeway United this year after one season with Marconi, has represented Australia 22 times. — L. G.

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WORLD TALK

Riva wants imports

Gigi Riva wants Italy's borders to re-open for foreign players. Without imports Riva feels that the local Italian market will continue to spiral out of all proportions. Riva is shocked at the price on his head ($1,2 million) should he leave Cagliari. "If a club had paid all that money for my services I would become a nervous wreck", he says. "I would be too nervous to enjoy myself and play well". Riva's wish will come true. Italian clubs as from next June will be allowed two foreign players each.

What . . . another Eusebio?

Benfica are again talent-scouting in the Portuguese provinces of Africa. Jimmy Hagan, the Lisbon club's English coach, spent three weeks in Angola and Mozambique to unearth another Eusebio, who hails from Lourenco Marques. He came home last week with a 18-year-old, Norberto, for whom he soon tips world stardom. The Portuguese Press, however, is sceptical. Since Eusebio, only one African, Jordao, has really made the grade.

British safety standards

British soccer clubs will have to spend millions of dollars to bring their grounds up to stringent new safety standards — or go out of business. The standards, which follow the Ibrox disaster in which 66 people died 2½ years ago, will become law later this year. Some soccer officials fear that a number of clubs could be forced out of existence. The law will also apply to other outdoor sports such as rugby. The report into the Ibrox tragedy recommended certain specifications for entrances and exits, terraces and steps.

World Cup results

Chile beat Peru 2-1 to qualify for a play-off with the Soviet Union for a berth in the World Cup finals. In Accra, Ghana beat Zaire 1-0 in their first leg World Cup qualifying match. They will meet in the return leg in Kinshasa on August 19.

Two more Israeli internationals will play in France this season. Giora Shpigel has joined Strasbourg and Ronnie Kalderon teams up with countryman Mordechai Shpigler at Paris Football Club.

● Gianni Rivera has knocked back a film offer to star opposite Princess Ira of Furstenberg in a movie in which he would have played an anarchist.

● Pele, Puskas, Rivera, Moore, Eusebio, Tostao and Beckenbauer are featured on new giant World Cup posters which went up all over West Germany last month.

● **Zagreb and Proleter Zrenjanin have been promoted to the Yugoslav First Division for the 1973-74 season.**

● In the coming Czechoslovak season, any player who receives three successive cautions will get an automatic one-week suspension.

● **Ararat Yeravan have a five-point lead in the Soviet championship. In their last match they beat Dinamo Tbilisi 3-0 — in front of 70,000 spectators.**

● The Czechoslovak under-23 team will visit North Korea in September for a series of matches.

● **A large Brazilian department store issued a questionnaire, asking people whether Pele should return to the national team. So far seven million replies have been returned — almost all clamoring for the Black Pearl.**

● The West German Sport-Kurier's poll shows that Beckenbauer was West Germany's most popular player of the year, just ahead of Netzer. However, the credibility of the poll suffers slightly — the newspaper is published in Munich, Beckenbauer's home town.

● **Crowds in Cyprus reached an all-time high last season. The home matches of Omonia, in Nicosia, averaged 7,046 spectators. Nicosia's population is only 70,000.**

● The Rumanians just can't run out of their Nunweillers . . . The latest member of this family to make his mark is Radu Nunweiller, carrying the Roman numerals VI to distinguish him from his footballing brothers and cousins. Ion Nunweiller, known as Nunweiller III, is now his brother's coach at Dinamo Bucharest.

● **The North Ireland v. Bulgaria World Cup game on September 26 may be played in Belfast. This would be the first international in the Northern Ireland capital for three years, since the start of the civil disturbances.**

● In the Yugoslav town of Doboj, during a Second Division match, the stand collapsed, one child died and 30 people suffered serious injuries.

● **Rangers Pools, which for the past seven or eight years have handed over £250,000 annually to the club for redevelopment of Ibrox Stadium, topped this figure last year when they donated £300,000. The Rangers Pools, which are distinctly separate from the vast and lucrative social club which the team runs now, has a membership of over 700,000.**

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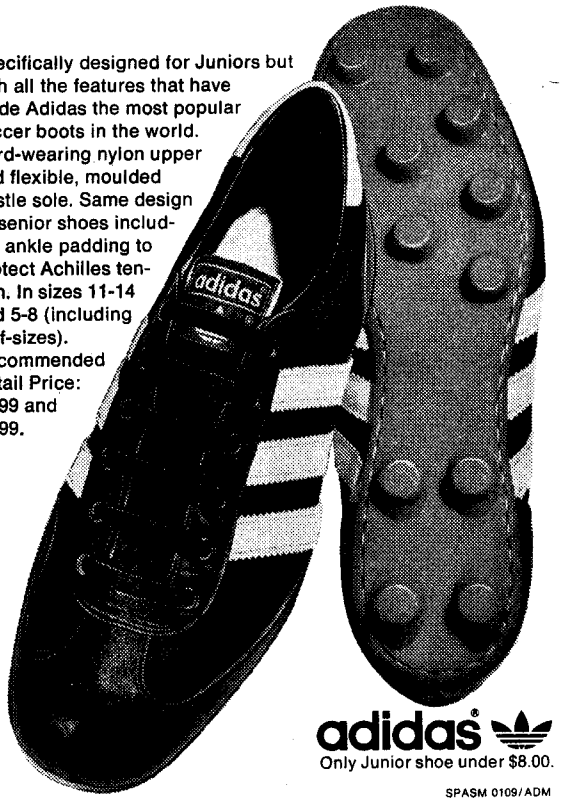

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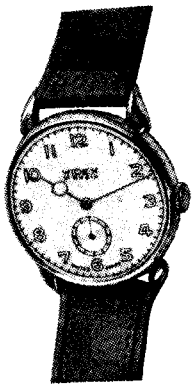

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The ABC will definitely TELEVISE LIVE from Tehran next Friday (August 24) the return match between Australia and Iran. The game is scheduled to start at 11.30 p.m. Sydney time, but the Iranians may bring the kick-off time forward by two hours. John Ovenden, from Adelaide, will fly to Tehran to broadcast the match on radio (station 2BL in Sydney).

Club Patrol

JOHN McGHEE, APIA's non-stop centre-half, will take a trip home to Scotland in December.

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Congratulations are in order for BILL ALLAN, who heads up the Australian Associated Sports service in Sydney, on the occasion of his recent engagement. Bill, incidentally, will be in Tehran for the return Iran-Australia encounter.

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JIMMY MILISAVLJEVIC, No. 2 goalkeeper to Jim Fraser in the Australian team, is creating a good impression by his ability to excel in tough situations. The 22-year-old Melbourne JUST net guarder attained his position after only two appearances in a Victorian State jersey. He had one half against the Australian squad in Sydney, and also played for his State against Cruzeiro, of Belo Horizonte, Brazil.

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Successful coach of Marconi's premier third team was LUCIANO NESTI, not Roger Bamforth as previously reported. Hearty congratulations go to "Lou" and his bunch of talented youngsters.

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STEVE DELLER, 17-year-old APIA defender and mid-fielder, is another good prospect for the Maroons for future years. He is the brother of 19-year-old Pat, who has regained his full confidence and is likely to be a regular striker for the Leichhardt club's first team in 1974.

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National coach RALE RASIC was gratified with the manner in which his charges switched their attention over from their Sydney premiership hopes to the even more serious business of World Cup. Amongst their preparations were field situations resulting from latest experiences with refereeing decisions from the World Cup group at Seoul, and further thoughts on use of various dead ball situations.

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On Sunday Seaforth meets Granville Waratah at 3 p.m. in the Amateur Cup final, and at 1 p.m. Sans Souci plays Earlwood Wanderers in the ROBERTSON CUP final (under-21). Both matches were rain affected last week, and have been re-scheduled to Graaf Park, George Street, North Bankstown.

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Bankstown beat Balgownie 4-1 in a DEFERRED third grade game last week.

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Granville Waratah All-Age beat Harbord Diggers 3-1 in a semi. of the Amateur Cup.

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MANFRED SCHAEFER made a welcome return to St. George's top team in last Sunday's challenge game against Souths at Wentworth Park. Manfred took things quietly up to half-time, upping his work rate from then on. His cartilage injury occurred against Birmingham City on May 27, and a lot of work has gone on since he came out of hospital.

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Dates for this year's STATE AMATEUR FINALS for juniors, with the top two city Association teams and the winners of Southern NSW and Western NSW competing, are as follows: Under-14 and 16, August 24/26 at Allum Park, Greenacre. Under-13, August 24/26, Bay Street, Rockdale. Under-8 and 11, August 31, September 1/2, Allum Park, Greenacre. Under-9 and 10, Guildford Park, September 1/2. Under-13 and 15, Allum Park, Greenacre, September 7/9.

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There was only one game last week in the PUBLIC SERVICE competition which resulted in Garden Island beating Water Board 2-0. In the only fixture next week, Garden Island plays Taxation on Thursday, August 23, at 1 p.m. The top four teams after 13 rounds are: Garden Island 21 points; Registrar General 17; Taxation 17 and PMG 15.

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South Sydney Croatia has produced a good young prospect as a striker in TOM CRONE. Irish-born, he quickly moved from local junior football to Souths, where he is surely making his mark.

SYDNEY THIRD DIVISION

Marrickville, with three matches to play compared with Riverside Rapids's four, defeated West Sutherland 2-1 on Sunday at Mackey Park to draw level with Rapids on 28 points.

George McCulloch, again the dominating force, equalised for Marrickville just on halftime with a superb flick of his head following a corner kick.

Dudley Gould scored the winner, also from the head, with 12 minutes remaining.

Injury-ridden Riverside had a free weekend, with both their matches held over due to the state of the pitches.

Adrian Smit, who resumed too early after injury, is now unlikely to appear for Riverside again this season.

Revesby Workers accounted for Belmore 5-1, whilst a too tense Ku-ring-gai missed goals at the vital times and deserved to go down to Campbelltown by 1 goal to nil.

Revesby v. Marrickville		deferred
C'pbelltown v. Ku-ring-gai	1-0	0-2
Riverside v. Arncliffe		deferred
Concordia v. Arncliffe	2-5	0-16
Revesby v. Belmore	5-1	2-3
M'ville v. W. Sutherland	2-1	1-0
NSW Uni. v. Riverside		deferred
Warringah v. Wenty	0-1	0-1

— KEITH GILMOUR

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SYDNEY SECOND DIVISION

Only Rosebery can stop Berries from winning promotion race

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

After last weekend's near-washout, Canterbury strengthened their position with a convincing 6-2 win over Bankstown to race two points clear of Balgownie, who dropped a point to Polonia.

Brief reports of the only two games played:

Polonia v. Balgownie 1-1

In a thrilling game at the Soccer Centre, Polonia ended any chance Balgownie had to win promotion this season.

Balgownie had the lion's share of the ball and attacked for the bigger part of the game, but could not penetrate the solid Polonia defence, where goalkeeper Michael Mikolajczyk played a "blinder".

Midway through the first half Polonia took the lead with a tremendous first-time shot by Bill Zounis which rocketed into the net.

Balgownie equalised five minutes later with a goal by Nigel McGuckin, and from then on they swarmed all over Polonia, but great defence by Alan Wills and Manfred Urbas kept them at bay.

Towards the end Balgownie were denied a certain goal when a cannonball shot by Dennis Paterson was brilliantly saved by Mikolajczyk in one of the best saves of the match.

Polonia: Mikolajczyk, Round, Wills, Blasczak, Urbas, Komoder (Dragan), Zounis (1), Minol, Polewski, Grzelak, Prokurat.

Canterbury v. Bankstown 6-2

Adapting themselves excellently to the wet conditions, Canterbury over-ran the injury-hit Bankstown to score one of their best victories of the season.

Steve Keri opened the score within six minutes and by the end of the first half which the Berries completely dominated, Canterbury had raced to an unbeatable 3-0 lead.

However, Bankstown capitalised on two back-passes by Mal Henderson and John Xipolitas to score their two goals, but still the Berries maintained control to score another two goals.

John Welton netted a hat-trick but the hero of the match was midfielder Peter Mullen who, despite the second half downpour, kept feeding his forwards with quick and accurate passes.

Canterbury: Demopoulos, Greg Brown, Hardy, Henderson (Harris), Xipolitas, Angelopoulos, Welton (3), Keri (1), Pocock (1), Mullen, Thompson (1).

Bankstown: Freeman Thompson, Sheldrick, Wilkinson, Penman, Watts, Reynolds, Beater (1), Burke (1), Moore, McMahon.

THIS WEEK

Promotion contenders Canterbury and Rosebery have hard matches on Sunday — Canterbury against Guildford Wanderers, who have been playing with plenty of determination in the second round of the competition, and Rosebery against Manly away at Inman Park.

Both will be favored to win narrowly. In other matches, Melita, Polonia, Balgownie and Enmore should come out on top.

RESULTS

SECOND DIVISION
(Three Grades)

C'bury v. Bankstown 6-2	—	—	
Polonia v. Balgownie 1-1	0-3	4-1	

LEADING SCORERS

S. KERI (Canterbury)	20
E. WILLIAMS (Guildford.	20
N. McGUCKIN (Balgownie)	16
R. POCOCK (Canterbury)	12
N. TSINGOLIS (Rosebery)	11
E. PATERSON (Bankstown)	8

INTER-SUBURBAN ROUND-UP

Greenwich concede three "own" goals in 5-5 draw

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

Greenwich received a mammoth shock in their 5-5 draw at Gore Creek last Sunday as Yagoona struggled manfully to avoid relegation.

Leading 4-0 at halftime and 5-1 after 55 minutes, Greenwich conceded three own goals and ultimately were unlucky to hold on for a draw.

Greenwich 'keeper Phil Douglas twice slipped in deep mud at the wrong moment.

Fred Hanley (3) and Tony Foster (2) collected the Greenwich goals. Keith Brown and Roger Kwiez scored for Yagoona, and the three own goals came their way as well.

With Lane Cove already relegated, North Bankstown have a match in hand but are a point behind Yagoona in the struggle to avoid the drop also.

Gladesville piled on the second-half pressure to defeat Bondi Marine 2-1 and take a point lead in First Division. They also have a game in hand.

Mike Rolston headed in from a freekick taken by Frank Latham to put Bondi ahead, and then the Ravens tied the Marine's defence in knots to claim the match.

In Second Division at Eastwood Oval the home side showed up well against leader Toongabbie before a Bill Polkinghorn goal for Gabbie won them the game.

Mike Milanovic, Seb Grasso and Mick Green all netted for Riverstone, who led Macquarie University 3-0 into the second half.

Macquarie showed their mettle by pulling back to 3-2, although Riverstone missed a penalty in holding on for their win.

RESULTS

Last week's results:

FIRST DIVISION

N. B'town v. Greenwich	deferred
Gladesville v. Arncliffe	deferred
Bondi v. West Ryde	deferred
Gladesville v. Bondi	2-1 1-0
N. B'town v. Lane Cove	2-0 2-2
Greenwich v. Yagoona	5-5 2-1
Blacktown v. Queens Pk.	2-1 0-1
Chelsea v. Nepean	4-3 5-2

SECOND DIVISION

W. St. George v. Auburn	def. 2-1
S. Sydney v. Macquarie	deferred
Artarmon v. Sydney Uni.	deferred
Eastwood v. Toongabbie	0-1 2-3
Auburn v. Maroubra	1-6 1-2
W. St. Geo. v. Dee Why	deferred
Macquarie v. Riverstone	2-3 1-3

THIRD DIVISION

Canley H. v. Kogarah	deferred
Padstow Pk. v. Earlwood	deferred
L'bridge v. Baulkham H.	0-1 1-1
North Ryde v. Holroyd	3-5 1-5
Fairfield v. Thornleigh	1-1 3-0
Revesby v. Blacktown	1-0 1-3
Padstow Pk. v. Lethbridge	deferred

Cook's tour of Melbourne

Four rounds to go as State League soccer hits the 19th round this weekend with the following fixtures:

Saturday: Box Hill v. Slavia. Hakoah v. Melbourne, Polonia v. Austria.

Sunday: Wilhelmina v. SM-Hellas, JUST v. Juventus, Alexander v. George Cross.

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Last week's results: George Cross d. Polonia 1-0, Hakoah d. Juventus 4-1, Melbourne d. Alexander 2-1, SM-Hellas d. Box Hill 2-0, JUST v. Slavia 2-2, Wilhelmina v. Austria 1-1.

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First Division fixtures for round 20 this Saturday are: Essendon Lions v. St. Albans, Altona City v. Yallourn, Ringwood United v. Mooroolbark, Springvale City v. Sunshine City, Keilor City v. Western Suburbs.

JUST, trying to win the State League title for the fourth time, could be sadly depleted for their next two games against tough opposition in Juventus and Melbourne. 'Keeper Jimmy Milisavljevic and striker Branko Buljevic are on call with the national World Cup squad; Marty Zokovic, their overlapping defender who copped a three-week suspension after the Hellas match won't be eligible to play until next week and their top striker, Dan Zoraja, is going through a lean period in his bid to catch Joe Cunningham, of George Cross who is well out in front as the leading State League scorer.

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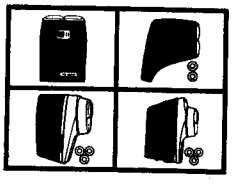

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TABLES

SECOND DIVISION

(First Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Canterbury	13	3	3	55	20	29
Balgownie	11	5	4	40	21	27
Rosebery	11	3	4	37	19	25
Manly	10	4	5	38	23	24
Guildford	10	2	7	38	34	22
Melita Eagles	9	3	7	24	19	21
Enmore	8	3	8	27	33	19
Bankstown	7	3	10	26	37	17
Polonia	6	4	9	29	39	16
Corinthians	4	5	10	17	39	13
NS-Inter	4	3	12	18	39	11
Nth. Districts	1	2	15	18	42	4

(Second Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Manly	16	2	1	61	19	34
Canterbury	14	3	1	55	17	31
Bankstown	10	5	4	41	28	25
Balgownie	11	—	9	45	31	22
Nth. Districts	7	6	5	25	14	20
Guildford	7	5	7	33	26	19
NS-Inter	8	1	10	20	23	17
Rosebery	6	3	9	30	39	15
Polonia	5	5	9	23	40	15
Melita Eagles	5	4	10	31	33	14
Corinthians	4	2	13	24	44	10
Enmore	1	2	16	18	76	4

(Third Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Manly	15	1	3	62	14	31
Bankstown	14	3	2	54	12	31
Polonia	15	1	3	53	13	31
Nth. Districts	13	2	3	42	19	28
Guildford	12	2	5	78	23	26
Corinthians	7	3	9	21	38	17
Canterbury	7	2	9	33	36	16
Balgownie	7	1	12	45	44	15
Melita Eagles	5	2	12	26	54	12
Rosebery	3	2	13	14	73	8
NS-Inter	2	3	14	21	61	7
Enmore	1	2	16	13	78	4

THIRD DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Rapid	14	—	4	39	18	28
Marrickville	12	4	3	51	32	28
Ku-ring-gai	12	2	6	55	25	26
Revesby	12	2	5	52	30	26
Arncliffe	10	2	7	33	27	24
W. Sutherland	10	2	8	33	27	22
Uni. of NSW	8	5	6	37	38	21
Wenty	8	1	11	40	50	17
Campbelltown	5	4	11	31	48	14
Belmore	5	3	12	31	51	13
Warringah	3	5	12	31	45	11
Concordia	1	4	15	19	61	6

INTER-SUBURBAN

FIRST DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Gladesville	13	—	6	57	37	26
West Ryde	10	5	4	56	35	25
Nepean	11	3	6	54	41	25
Bondi	10	4	5	39	21	24
Chelsea	8	8	4	51	42	24
Greenwich	9	5	5	62	39	23
Blacktown	8	5	7	39	34	21
Queens Park	8	4	7	46	41	20
Arncliffe RSL	6	6	7	44	43	18
Yagoona	3	6	11	23	55	12
N. Bankstown	2	7	10	22	44	11
Lane Cove	1	1	18	17	78	3

SECOND DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Toongabbie	15	2	1	66	26	32
Riverstone	14	1	3	64	38	29
Sydney Uni.	10	3	4	41	26	23
W. St. George	10	—	6	52	35	20
Maroubra	8	4	6	52	38	20
Artarmon	8	1	8	35	38	17
Macquarie U.	7	2	7	39	34	16
Eastwood	5	3	11	34	51	13
South Sydney	5	3	10	34	52	13
Dee Why	2	2	13	24	56	6
Auburn	1	1	15	20	67	3

THIRD DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Padstow Park	14	2	2	69	32	30
Fairfield-Kiev	11	3	6	38	33	25
Baulkham Hills	7	9	4	33	31	23
Revesby	9	4	7	51	39	22
Lethbridge	9	3	7	42	29	21
North Ryde	8	5	7	38	36	21
Holroyd	8	5	7	42	39	21
Canley Heights	6	5	8	31	40	17
Blacktown	6	3	11	33	44	15
Earlwood	5	4	10	29	33	14
Thornleigh	4	6	10	25	54	14
Kogarah	3	5	11	29	49	11

Sunday's Second Division

- Manly v. Rosebery — Inman Park.
- Melita Eagles v. Corinthians — Mona Park.
- Guildford v. Canterbury — Guildford Park.
- Bankstown v. Polonia — Soccer Centre.
- Balgownie v. NS-Inter — Balgownie Oval.
- Northern Districts v. Enmore — Englefield Stadium.

VICTORIAN TABLE

	W	D	L	F	A	P
George Cross	10	7	1	34	13	27
JUST	10	6	2	28	9	26
Hellas	10	4	4	32	20	24
Hakoah	9	5	4	31	21	23
Melbourne	9	4	5	27	20	22
Wilhelmina	7	5	6	30	16	19
Alexander	7	4	7	28	20	18
Polonia	6	4	8	14	18	16
Slavia	6	4	8	14	23	16
Juventus	4	4	10	20	30	12
Austria	2	7	9	13	33	11
Box Hill	—	2	16	11	59	2